GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1858
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INCLUSION OF RAJAK COMMUNITY OF M.P. AND RAJASTHAN IN S.C. LIST
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the organizations of Rajak Community (Washermen Community) in Madhya Pradeshand Rajasthan have given memorandums to the Union Government to include their community in Scheduled Castes List; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Representations have been received for inclusion of `Rajak` (Dhobi/Washermen) communityin the list of Scheduled Castes in Madhya Pradesh. Matter related with inclusion of thiscommunity has been taken up with the State Government for supply of ethnographic material for examination as per approved modalities. So far as State of Rajasthan is concerned `Dhobi`community is notified as Scheduled Caste at Sl.No. 22 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes)Order,1950. No proposal for inclusion of Rajak as synonym/sub caste, etc. of `Dhobi` in Rajasthan has been received.